

# *The City of Troy, Alabama* **SmokeFree Air Ordinance of 2013**

*Ordinance No. 335, as amended*

## **Can I report a violation?**

Yes. Anyone may report violations of the City of Troy Smoke Free Air Ordinance of 2013 by filing a complaint with the City of Troy Police Department.

## **What are the penalties to business owners?**

- A person who knowingly or intentionally smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited by the provisions in the ordinance commits an offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) per offense, plus any applicable court costs.
- A business that permits smoking can be fined up to \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation within the one year, and \$500 for each additional violation within one year, plus any applicable court costs.

To see the complete list of penalties and other enforcement measures, please view the entire Ordinance and amendments at [www.troyal.gov/smokefree](http://www.troyal.gov/smokefree).

## **Where can I get information on how to quit smoking?**

The Alabama Tobacco Quitline offers FREE information to anyone interested in quitting tobacco use, or to anyone who wants more information about quitting. They offer FREE master's level counseling, a personalized quit plan, and two weeks of free nicotine patches if you are enrolled in support services. If you are taking certain medications, your doctor will be asked to approve the patches for you. Call the Alabama Tobacco Quitline or register online for more information. They want to help you quit. All Quitline services and Alabama QuitNow services are free to Alabama residents. Call 1-800-QUITNOW or 1-800-784-8669.

## **Is this all the information or how can I get more information about the City of Troy Smoke Free Air Ordinance of 2013?**

The explanations in this guide are intended for general guidance only, for complete information, please view the entire Ordinance and amendments at [www.troyal.gov/smokefree](http://www.troyal.gov/smokefree) or call (334) 566-0177.



The City of Troy, Alabama  
Troy City Hall  
301 Charles W. Meeks Avenue  
PO Box 549  
Troy, Alabama 36081  
(334) 566-0177  
Fax: (334) 670-6061  
Email: [contact@troyal.info](mailto:contact@troyal.info)  
[www.troyal.gov](http://www.troyal.gov)



*Troy, Alabama*  
**SMOKEFREE AIR**  
**Ordinance of 2013**  
Ordinance No. 335, as amended

**A  
CITIZEN'S  
GUIDE**

# The City of Troy, Alabama SmokeFree Air Ordinance of 2013

Ordinance No. 335, as amended



## What is the City of Troy Smoke Free Air Ordinance of 2013?

On June 25, 2013, the City Council of Troy voted unanimously to pass an ordinance to eliminate smoking in all public places and workplaces.

## Why is this law helpful to me?

This law reduces your exposure to secondhand smoke and its associated risks. Tobacco use, particularly smoking, is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Eliminating smoking in public places will reduce the number of tobacco-related illnesses and deaths, which number more than 8,000 each year in Alabama alone. This law provides cleaner and safer environments for us to live, work and play.

## What is secondhand smoke?

Secondhand smoke is a mixture of the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers and the smoke given off by the burning of the types of smoking prohibited below. This mixture contains more than 40,000 substances, more than 40 of which are known to cause cancer in humans. Exposure to secondhand smoke can contribute to or cause severe health problems in both smokers and non-smokers, including cancer, emphysema, heart disease, and asthma. Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of secondhand smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. The goal of City of Troy's Smoke Free Air Ordinance of 2013 is to protect workers and the public from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.

## What types of smoking are prohibited?

Any lighted or heated cigarette, cigar, tobacco, tobacco product, plant, plant product, herb, herb product, pipe, waterpipe, hookah, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form, e-cigarettes which create a vapor, in any manner or in any form or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this ordinance are all prohibited.

## Where is smoking NOT allowed?

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed facilities, including vehicles and buildings and property owned, leased or operated by the City of Troy.

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public places and places of employment within the City of Troy, including but not limited to:

- Aquariums, galleries, theaters, libraries, sports arenas, and museums
- Areas available to the general public in businesses and non-profit entities patronized by the public
- Restaurants, cafes, bars, lounges, private clubs, gaming facilities,
- All public and private child care, adult care, educational, health care, and convention facilities
- All private and semi-private rooms in nursing homes
- Hotels and motels
- Lobbies, hallways, and other common areas in apartment buildings, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other multiple-unit residential facilities
- Public transportation vehicles and waiting areas of public transportation facilities, including bus and airport facilities
- Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways, elevators, service lines, and other common-use areas
- Retail service establishments, banks, laundromats, professional offices, and shopping malls
- Rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public assembly, and polling places

For a more extensive list, please view the entire Ordinance and amendments at [www.troyal.gov/smokefree](http://www.troyal.gov/smokefree).

## Where is smoking not regulated?

In private residences, unless used as a childcare, adult day care, or health care facility.

## Where is smoking prohibited outdoors?

On all outdoor property that is adjacent to buildings owned, leased, or operated by the City of Troy and / or under the control of the City of Troy, including the Downtown Square, and

In and within 20 feet of:

- Outside entrances/exits, operable windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited
- Outdoor seating or serving areas of restaurants
- All outdoor playgrounds, arenas, stadiums and amphitheaters, including bleachers or grandstands at sporting or other public events
- Public transportation stations, shelters, and platforms under the authority of the City of Troy
- All outdoor service lines, including lines in which service is obtained by persons in vehicles. In lines in which service is obtained by persons in vehicles, smoking is prohibited by both pedestrians and person in vehicles, but only within 20 feet of the point of service
- In outdoor common areas of apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multi-unit residential facilities, except in designated smoking areas, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total outdoor common area, which must be located at least 20 feet outside entrances, operable windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited
- All outdoor places of employment where two or more employees are required to be in the course of their employment. This includes, without limitation, work areas, construction sites, temporary offices such as trailers, restroom facilities, and vehicles.